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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)

Accomplishments through November 14, 2002:

Our winter shut down date should be November 27, with crushing continuing at the Mildenerberger pit until the first week of December.

The moisture we have been receiving the past few days has been troublesome, but bearable. Topsoil removal from the reservoir is continuing and placement has started in areas that are completed and free of snow. The roadway cuts south of Slate Creek are pretty much complete, but the fills will be continuing.

Future activities planned for the project:

Pumco has begun and will continue putting cross drains under the road for drainage. Due to weather the work on Gabion Wall #2 is going to be suspended for the winter. The roadway will be made passable through this area to two-way traffic for the winter, and next spring when the weather permits work will continue with one-way traffic. Pumco will also continue roadway excavation north of Slate Creek, and continue placing topsoil on completed fill slopes. If weather permits temporary seeding will also continue.

Other news of note:

The work shift for the weeks of November 18 through November 22 will be 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and November 25 through November 27 will be 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. There will be lights set up at the flagger stations by 4:30 pm and will be in use until 5:00 pm when they complete work for the day. Thank you for your patience and please drive safely through the project and follow the pilot car during the hours of operation. Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 or E-mail <mailto:tbutikof@wfl.fha.dot.gov> Thank You and Be Safe!

